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JUVENILE JUSTICE ADVISORY COUNCIL DISPROPORTIONATE MINORITY CONTACT (DMC) SUBCOMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES Via GOOGLE MEET

August 12, 2020

Present: LaTasha DeLoach, Interim Chair; Kim Cheeks; Diamond Denney; Bob Greenlee; Stephanie Hernandez; Hon. Kevin McKeever; David Tristan

Others: Whitney Buchanan

Staff: Steve Michael; Dave Kuker; Kathy Nesteby; Julie Rinker; Reeva Neighbors

Introductions/Announcements

LaTasha DeLoach welcomed those in attendance at 10:10 a.m. A quorum was not present. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing concerns, the meeting was held electronically.

DeLoach reported that since the June 30 retirement of Wayne Ford (former DMC Chair), she was serving as interim chair. She has applied for Juvenile Justice Advisory Council (JJAC) membership and if/when appointed, Andrew Allen, JJAC Chair, would appoint her as DMC Chair.

Approval of Minutes – May 1, 2020

Hon. Kevin McKeever moved to approve the minutes from the May meeting, seconded by Kim Cheeks. The motion was unanimously approved.

Juvenile Justice Advisory Council/CJJP Update

- Legislative wrap up
- CJJP Racial/Justice Activities
- Retreat Background
 - Steve Michael reported that the JJAC Retreat will be held virtually in late September.
 - CJJP is developing information on disparity in Iowa to share with the Governor's FOCUS Committee on criminal justice reform.

Iowa Task Force for Young Women (ITFYW)

Kathy Nesteby provided an update on the Task Force. Work continues on their "Healing Justice" publication, expanding membership, and submitting a grant application to enhance training and program evaluation for individuals working with girls.

Membership

- Local Engagement
- Survey – Level of Involvement

DeLoach reported that she would like to see the DMC Subcommittee work more closely with local committees and add representatives from those communities. A pamphlet and survey are being developed for use in recruiting new members, engaging current members, and underscoring purpose. She encouraged members to contact her directly with ideas or concerns.

Goals and Objectives – Papers

- Pre-Charge Diversion
- Technical Violations
- Adult Court Waiver

Musel and Kuker reviewed a presentation outlining delinquency data. The information included youth waived to adult court, charges, diversion, disparity, and recommendations.

Members were encouraged to ask questions to help further develop the information. County level data were requested for areas with higher minority populations.

Local Updates

There were no local updates.

Next Quarterly Meeting

- November 18, 2020 10am-noon-Remote Meeting

DeLoach encouraged members to attend the November meeting which will be held virtually. She encouraged members to invite others with an interest in reducing disparity in Iowa.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Rinker
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